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ABSTRACT

This CD-ROM provides a way to become aware of and understand the many issues involved in planning, implementing, and using networks in K-12 schools. It is designed to serve both as a basic resource and as a pointer to other resources, and is useful for school board members, superintendents, administrators, teachers, technology coordinators, students, and community members. The material assumes little technical knowledge about networks. In addition to help screens and navigation tips, the CD-ROM contains the following five sections: "Tours"; "Impact on Schools"; "Planning a Network"; "Resources"; and "Building a Network." Tours are provided using tour guides or self-directed tours, and are given from four different perspectives--school board member, technology coordinator, teacher, and administrator. The "Impact on Schools" section looks at how networks impact learning, teaching, and administration. "Planning a Network" provides both an overview of topics and the ability to delve deeply into specific areas of interest. The "Resources" section consists of a portion of the Northwest Educational Technology Consortium (NETC) web site--with information about technology in education; and a collection of 16 full-text, printable documents supplementing information throughout the CD-ROM. "Building a Network" is an interactive introduction to networking basics, designed primarily for novices. The accompanying brochure contains installation and troubleshooting information, and a product overview. (SWC)

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